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Dear resident,

The City of Saint Paul Wheelock Parkway construction project has begun in your area and I regret to inform you that your boulevard ash tree is scheduled for removal as part of the construction project.

Ash are common boulevard trees in Saint Paul, second only to maple trees. The City of Saint Paul's Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan targets ash trees in construction projects as ideal candidates for removal and replacement due to the potential for damage to the tree during construction and the high potential for loss from EAB. Infested ash trees have been confirmed near Jackson Street and Arlington Avenue, within ½ mile of the Wheelock Parkway project and removing the ash trees now is an ideal time.



Your neighborhood will be reforested with a diverse mix of trees at the completion of construction. Trees are important green infrastructure that clean the air, sequester storm water, shade homes, reduce wind speeds and provide character to the neighborhoods of Saint Paul. Visit the Forestry Unit website at www.stpaul.gov/forestry, for more information on the Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan, urban tree canopy, tree health, and tree maintenance.

Please feel free to contact me with your tree related questions, and contact the Construction Inspector for all construction related questions.

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